

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## CASE REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF CORONER

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APPARENT MODE

ACCIDENT

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Media Interest

CASE NO

2013-04353

CRYPT

475

LAST, FIRST MIDDLE

DOE #117, JOHN

AKA

# 117

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

SEX RACE APPEARS

DOB AGE

HGT

WGT

EYES

HAIR

TEETH

FACIAL HAIR

ID VIEW

CONDITION

MALE CAUCASIAN

63 in.

140 lbs.

UNKNOWN

UNKNOWN

ALL NATURAL

TEETH

NONE

No

CHARRED

MARK TYPE

MARK LOCATION

MARK DESCRIPTION

NOK

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PENDING POSITIVE ID

RELATIONSHIP

PHONE

NOTIFIED BY

DATE

TIME

SSN

DL ID

STATE

PENDING BY

6/18/2013

08:30

ID METHOD

LA #

MAIN #

CII #

FBI #

MILITARY #

POB

IDENTIFIED BY NAME (PRINT)

RELATIONSHIP

PHONE

DATE

TIME

PLACE OF DEATH / PLACE FOUND

ADDRESS OR LOCATION

CITY

ZIP

STREET

N HIGHLAND AVE, S/O MELROSE AVE

LOS ANGELES

90036

PLACE OF INJURY

STREET

AT WORK

DATE

TIME

LOCATION OR ADDRESS

ZIP

6/18/2013 04:20

N HIGHLAND AVE, S/O MELROSE AVE, LOS ANGELES, C 90036

COD

6/18/2013

TIME

04:35

FOUND OR PRONOUNCED BY

LAFD/ RA 052, P/M RODRIGUEZ

OTHER AGENCY INV. OFFICER

LAPD WEST TRAFFIC DIVISION - DET WHITE

PHONE

(213) 473-0234

REPORT NO.

013-061800581

NOTIFIED BY

NO

TRANSPORTED BY

TAMI AQUE

TO

LOS ANGELES FSC

DATE

6/18/2013 08:10

FINGERPRINTS?

Yes

CLOTHING

Yes

PA RPT

No

MORTUARY

MED. EV.

No

INVEST. PHOTO #

48

SEAL TYPE

NOT SEALED

HOSP RPT

No

PHYS. EV.

No

EVIDENCE LOG

No

PROPERTY?

Yes

HOSP CHART

No

SUICIDE NOTE

No

GSR NO

RCPT. NO.

267403

PF NO.

SYNOPSIS

\* AUTO (DRIVER) VS FIXED OBJECT (TREE), VEHICLE CAUGHT FIRE - PRONOUNCED AT SCENE. ON THE EARLY AM OF 06/18/13 AT ~0420 HRS, THIS ~33-YR OLD MALE (JOHN DOE D/T CHARRING) HAD BEEN TRAVELING S/B ON HIGHLAND AVE, S/O MELROSE AVE IN L.A., AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED, WHEN HE APPARENTLY LOST CONTROL OF HIS VEHICLE COLLIDING W/ A TREE HEAD-ON. THE TREE WAS LOCATED ON A GRASS CENTER MEDIAN LOCATED IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA. SOCIAL HX INCLUDED POLYSUBSTANCE USE, W/ REPORT DECEDENT HAD BEEN SMOKING MARIJUANA THE NIGHT PRIOR. HE WAS ALSO BELIEVED AS USING DMT (HALLUCINOGENIC). FAMILY HAD JUST ARRIVED FROM NEW YORK THE DAY PRIOR, ATTEMPTING TO GET DECEDENT TO GO TO REHAB ...

SELENA BARROS

446970

Re Bc #446970.

INVESTIGATOR

DATE

6/19/2013

DATE

TIME

16:59

REVIEWED BY

Re Bc #446970

FORM #3 NARRATIVE TO FOLLOW?



# County of Los Angeles, Department of Coroner Investigator's Narrative



Case Number: 2013-04353

Decedent: DOE, JOHN # 117

## Information Sources:

- Detectives Johnson # 34105 and White # 30194, LAPD- West Traffic Division, (213) 473-0234
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## Investigation:

On 06/18/13 at approximately 0452 hours, a call was received from Officer Jeter # 30513 with LAPD- West Traffic Division, reporting the death of an unidentified male, who was involved in an 'auto vs. tree' collision. He was pronounced at scene. Assigned the investigation by Lieutenant MacWillie, I arrived on scene at 0535 hours, departing at 0725.

## Location:

Street: N Highland Ave, s/o Melrose Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90036

## Informant/Witness Statements:

In speaking with Detectives Johnson and White, the following information was learned: On the early morning of 06/18/13 at approximately 0420 hours, decedent had been traveling southbound on Highland Ave at a high rate of speed at the above-indicated location, when he apparently lost control of his vehicle colliding with a tree head-on in a center grass median. The vehicle caught fire. With EMS personnel summoned, responding LAFD extinguished the fire, with Rescue 52 Paramedic Rodriguez having pronounced decedent at scene at 0435 hours. Decedent was found seated in the driver's seat and due to extensive vehicular damage, would require LAFD extrication. The vehicle was reported as a silver 2013 Mercedes C25, with decedent and 'Daimler Trust' indicated as r/o of the vehicle; the vehicle appeared to have 'paper plates,' with the license plate number reported as 6ZGW914 (CA), VIN # WDDGJ4HB3DG058566. The posted speed limit at the location is 35-mph.

Tire marks were observed in the # 2 lane of Highland Ave, south of Melrose, which trailed off in an eastern direction toward the center grass median, with additional tire marks observed in the grassy area, which then trailed toward the tree which decedent ultimately collided with. A couple of alcohol bottles, unknown if belonged to decedent, were found strewn in the grassy area, north of the vehicle. Vehicular debris was spread over both sides of the street/ south and northbound traffic lanes, including the center median, with decedent's engine found near the next intersection south- located on the sidewalk area near the northeast corner of Highland and Clinton St; one of his wheels was found in the grassy center median past Clinton St- measurements pending at this time. The incident was captured on video, possibly (2) different videos, further information pending at this time.

Clearing from scene, Detective White and I responded to decedent's last known address per his found CDL. While at the residence, decedent's \_\_\_\_\_ arrived at about 0830 hours, having learned we were attempting family contact through the residence landlord – \_\_\_\_\_ had been staying at a neighboring residence. Per \_\_\_\_\_ he had just arrived from New York the day prior with another brother scheduled to arrive later this same morning, 06/18/13, as the family was attempting to get decedent to go to detox. Decedent was believed as "sober" for about the past 14-years, with \_\_\_\_\_ believing decedent had started to use drugs again the past month or so. He said decedent moved from NY to CA about a couple of months ago. He did not have any known medical problems. Upon inquiry, \_\_\_\_\_ believed decedent was currently using DMT (hallucinogenic), confirming use of 'medicinal marijuana' as well- ID card found in decedent's wallet. The medicinal marijuana was believed as prescribed for PTSD, as decedent was a war journalist, having had assignments in Iraq, Afghanistan, and in Baghdad a few years ago. There was also mention of a past traffic collision in which decedent



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collided into a pole several years ago, believed as under the influence at the time, with report decedent had been misusing Ritalin at about this time; at one point, he was believed to have been bi-polar; however, it was later learned his behavior was actually stemming from the Ritalin misuse. He was ultimately institutionalized for rehabilitative care in ~1999. Upon inquiry, decedent's history was not known to include any past suicide attempt/s or ideation/s; however,

added decedent believed he was "invincible," believing he could jump from a balcony and would be okay. He added he would not be surprised if any stimulants were found within the residence, including cocaine.

Upon inquiry, \_\_\_\_\_ said he had last seen decedent a few hours prior at decedent's residence sometime at about 0030 to 0100 hours, at which time decedent reportedly "passed out." Hence, \_\_\_\_\_ left to stay at a neighboring residence, until contacted by the property landlord that Detective White and I were attempting family contact; he subsequently returned to the residence, at which time he was notified of decedent's demise. He had no idea where decedent may have been traveling to or from at the time of the collision, reporting decedent worked from home as he was a writer. Upon inquiry, decedent had been smoking marijuana the night prior, with no known alcohol consumption at the time.

## Scene Description:

The scene was a residential-type street, where decedent's vehicle was observed partially resting atop the grass center median, facing in a southeastern direction. The front end area was slightly wrapped around the tree, with the rear tires hanging off the edge of the curb resting into the # 1 lane of southbound traffic. Tire marks were observed in the # 2 lane of southbound traffic, south of Melrose Ave, which trailed in a southeastern direction leading toward the grass center median were additional apparent tire marks were observed, which then trailed toward the involved tree. Vehicular debris was observed in the surrounding area about both sides of the street, particularly south of the vehicle, with debris observed in all directions. Decedent's vehicle came to rest in about the middle area between Melrose Ave and Clinton St, with decedent's engine block observed near the Clinton St intersection – measurements pending by LAPD. The vehicle was charred. A couple of apparent empty alcohol bottles were observed in the grassy median, observed north of the vehicle, located at least ~15+ feet away or so.

## Evidence:

None collected

## Body Examination:

Decedent was observed seated inside his extremely damaged/ charred vehicle, appearing his seat had been pushed back about a couple of feet or so. He was slumped forward, leaning toward his left; as he was well wedged into the vehicle, he required LAFD extrication. During extrication, LAFD/ Station 27 Firefighter Cooper noted decedent had been a restrained driver. Once extricated which took approximately ½ hour, decedent was then placed onto sheet and plastic next to his vehicle. He was charred, unidentifiable; the charring was observed primarily to his head/ neck, upper chest and back, and to the left side of his body. His clothing was severely burned, with decedent appearing to have worn a blue shirt and brown pants, with a white sock and black/ gray tennis shoe observed to the left foot – the toes could be seen from the bottom of the shoe due to burning effect. An obvious skull fracture was observed at the top skull region, with decedent's tongue protruded, noted clenched between the teeth. Skin slippage was observed primarily to the right side of the body. Obvious open fractures were also observed to the right arm and both lower extremities. Decedent's wallet (intact) was found in his rear pants pocket, assisting in tentative identification. Due to body condition, neither livor nor rigor mortis were observed, with algor mortis not recorded as time of death not an issue.



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**Identification:**

Due to charring, decedent was unidentifiable. He is believed to be 'Michael Mahon Hastings,' with a DOB of 01/28/1980.

**Next of Kin Notification:**

Was *tentatively* notified of decedent's demise via family the same date, 06/18/13.

**Tissue Donation:**

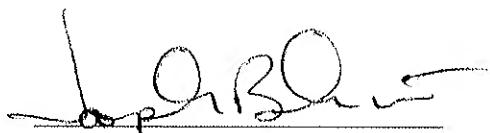
Not a viable candidate- body condition

**Autopsy Notification:**

None requested

Selena Barros 4446070

SELENA BARROS



JOSEPH BALE

06-19-13

Date of Report

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## AUTOPSY REPORT

at \_\_\_\_\_

I performed an autopsy on the body of  
the DEPARTMENT OF CORONER

No.

2013-04353

HASTINGS, MICHAEL MAHON

Los Angeles, California on JUNE 20, 2013 @ 0800 HOURS

(Date)

(Time)

From the anatomic findings and pertinent history I ascribe the death to:

## (A) TRAUMATIC INJURIES

DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

(B)

DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

(C)

DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

(D)

OTHER CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING BUT NOT RELATED TO THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF DEATH:

*Anatomical Summary:*

33-year-old white male collided with a tree. Pronounced dead at the scene.

Partially charred remains; heavily charred over the head, moderately over the neck and left side of body, left extremities, with postmortem thermal fracturing of the left forearm and left lower leg and foot.

Traumatic antemortem fractures of the right arm, right forearm, and right femur.

Hemorrhagic displaced fracture of the right greater horn of the hyoid bone.

Hemorrhagic fractures of the left anterior 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> ribs.

Anterior lung contusions, purple, bilateral.

Massive bilateral bright red traumatic hemothorax, 450 cc left, 400 cc right.

Extensive laceration of the parietal pericardium and mediastinal pleura.

Avulsion of the base of the heart with complete transverse avulsion of the atria and superior and inferior vena cava. 7 cm hemorrhagic laceration of the apex of the left ventricle.

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Hemorrhagic traumatic transection of the descending thoracic aorta at T-6.

Massive complex lacerations of the liver, extending all the way through.

Displaced pelvic fracture with torn urinary bladder.

Massive displaced modified ring-type basal skull fracture with lacerations of the base of the brain. Protrusion of the cervical vertebral column into the cranial vault. Focal subarachnoid hemorrhage, minimal.

Please see separate toxicology report.

**EXTERNAL DESCRIPTION:**

The body is that of a white male with moderate charring. The charring is over the left side of the body while on much of the right side of the body the skin is white and pale. I don't see any tattoos, scars or identifying marks. The clothing with the body is consisting of upper body garments which are all torn up and just lying on top of the body and the right half of a pair of trousers which are still on the right leg. Also some sneakers. Much of the clothing is burned up.

There is heavy charring of the entire head and neck and the scalp over the calvaria is completely burned off. The face is unrecognizable and completely charred. The eyes are cooked. The tongue protrudes and is thoroughly blackened. There is moderate charring over the neck and left shoulder area, front and back and down the left side of the back, entire left upper and lower extremities. The left upper extremity has pugilistic posture with thermal fracturing of the wrist and hand. The left lower extremity has thermal fracturing of the lower leg and foot. Native teeth are present in the oral cavity.

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## EXTERNAL EVIDENCE OF TRAUMA:

The calvaria has a displaced fracture of the skull extending from the right brow down to the left inferior occipital area. There is a displaced fracture of the proximal right humerus and a displaced fracture of the mid shaft of the right radius and ulna and a displaced fracture of the right femur and also of the right lower leg.

## PRIMARY INCISION:

A Y-shaped incision is used to enter the body cavities. We find considerable cooking of the skin, the subcutaneous tissue, the muscles and fascia of the neck and left side of the shoulder and left abdomen and of the left chest. There is no blood or fluid in the peritoneal cavity and no adhesions.

The rib cage shows inwardly displaced hemorrhagic fractures of the left anterior 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> ribs. Opening the chest reveals a large bright red liquid bilateral traumatic hemothorax, 450 cc left and 400 cc right. Samples of this are collected for toxicology in the glass NaF bottle and by reverse vacuum aspiration by needle into the purple-top tube, both labeled "chest blood." Further exploration of the chest discovers extensive hemorrhagic laceration of the parietal pericardium and bilateral mediastinal pleura.

Neck dissection finds hemorrhagic displaced fracture of the right greater horn of the hyoid. Prevertebral fascia hemorrhage is not found.

## CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:

As noted above, the parietal pericardium is extensively torn. The heart is empty of blood and is found to have traumatic avulsion of the base of the heart with transaction of the superior and inferior vena cava at their attachments to the heart. The aorta and pulmonary artery are still attached. There is a hemorrhagic 7 cm anterior full-thickness laceration of the apex of the left ventricle. The coronary arteries are free of plaque. The

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myocardium is firm and red. There are no mural or valvular abnormalities. The heart weight is 250 grams. Exploring the aorta, we find a complete hemorrhagic transaction of the descending thoracic aorta at the T-6 vertebral level. The great vessels are empty of blood.

## RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:

The lungs are well inflated and light pale fluffy. There are focal purple contusions on the anterior aspects of both lungs. The right lung weighs 250 grams and the left lung 200 grams. The bronchi and pulmonary arteries are intact and empty. The lungs are bloodless. The visceral pleura is intact, smooth, and without adhesions.

## GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM:

The esophagus has extensive periesophageal hemorrhage (traumatic hemomediastinum). The stomach is intact and contains 10 cc of pale tan fluid (not collected). The small intestine is pale and anemic, as is the large intestine. They have normal light-colored content. The appendix is present. The mesentery has no tears or hemorrhages.

## HEPATOBILIARY SYSTEM:

The liver has multiple through-and-through lacerations in the horizontal dimension, with minimal hemorrhage. The organ is smooth and red and weighs 1300 grams. The gallbladder is present and is intact and contains about 25 cc of bile, a sample of which is collected for toxicology by reverse needle vacuum aspiration into a gray-top tube. Liver tissue is also collected. The bile ducts and pancreas are normal.

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## URINARY SYSTEM:

The kidneys are smooth and very pale pink anemic, and occupy a normal position in the retroperitoneum, the right kidney weighing 150 grams and the left kidney 150 grams. They have no injury. Their interior architecture as examined by bivalve dissection is unremarkable. The ureters follow a normal course to the bladder. The urinary bladder is extensively torn.

## GENITAL SYSTEM:

The prostate gland is unremarkable. The testicles are atraumatic.

## HEMATOPOIETIC SYSTEM:

The spleen is intact and weighs 150 grams. It is bloodless. The bone marrow is red.

## ENDOCRINE SYSTEM:

The pituitary gland, thyroid gland, and adrenal glands are unremarkable.

## CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM:

The scalp is charred throughout. There is an open displaced fracture of the left frontal bone in the forehead area. Opening the skull reveals thin subarachnoid hemorrhage over the base of the brain, with extensive laceration of the base of the brain associated with a markedly displaced ring-type basal skull fracture with protrusion of the cervical vertebral column into the cranial vault and avulsion of the brain stem and cervical spinal cord.

There is no subdural or parenchymal brain hemorrhage. Other than thin subarachnoid hemorrhage, there is no blood in the cranial cavity or dura mater.

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## MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM:

There is an open fracture of the forehead, a displaced ring-type basal skull fracture, postmortem thermal fracturing of the left forearm and left lower leg, traumatic fractures of the right humerus, right forearm, pelvis, and right femur. The pelvis has a widely displaced fracture of the pubic symphysis with bladder laceration and also a displaced fracture of the posterior pelvis with pelvic hematoma.

## TOXICOLOGY:

I collected chest blood in a NaF blood jar and in a purple-top tube. I collected bile, liver and brain tissue. A comprehensive screen is asked for, along with MDA. Please see separate toxicology report.

## HISTOLOGY:

Representative sections of all organs are collected in one can of formalin.

## WITNESSES:

None.

## OPINION:

The cause of death was massive blunt force trauma consistent with a high speed front-end impact to the sole of the right foot and to the front of the torso. There was transmission of force superiorly through the right foot and leg, pelvis and vertebral column into the head. There was also severe impact to the anterior chest and upper abdomen with resulting rib fractures and anterior displacement of the heart and upper thoracic aorta (deceleration injury). Death was very rapid, within seconds. Loss of consciousness was likely instantaneous upon impact.

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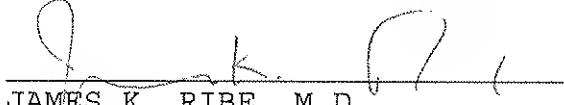
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Toxicology shows a small amount of amphetamine in the blood, consistent with possible intake of methamphetamine many hours before death, unlikely to have an intoxicative effect at the time of the accident. Marijuana was present in the blood, but mostly in the form of its metabolite, indicating intake hours earlier. All other drugs were negative.

The carbon monoxide level in the chest blood was below 10 volumes percent, indicating that decedent did not inhale products of combustion, consistent with an instantaneous death. The burns are entirely postmortem.



JAMES K. RIBE, M.D.  
SENIOR DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

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DATE

JKR:bbtt/sp  
D:06/20/13  
T:07/01/13

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AUTOPSY CLASS:  A  B  C  Examination Only D FAMILY OBJECTION TO AUTOPSY

Date: 6-20-13 Time: 8:00 Dr RIBE

(Print)

FINAL ON: 8-16-13 By: RIBE

(Print)

APPROX  
MATE  
INTERVAL  
BETWEEN  
ONSET  
AND  
DEATH2223-04353  
ASSASSIN, MICHAEL R  
ACC

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DEATH WAS CAUSED BY. (Enter only one cause per line for A, B, C, and D)

## IMMEDIATE CAUSE:

(A)

TRAUMATIC INJURIES

DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

(B)

DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

(C)

DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

(D)

OTHER CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING BUT NOT RELATED TO THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF DEATH

 NATURAL SUICIDE HOMICIDE ACCIDENT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED

If other than natural causes,

HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?

AUTO (DRIVER) VS FIXED OBJECT

WAS OPERATION PERFORMED FOR ANY CONDITION STATED ABOVE:  YES  NO

TYPE OF SURGERY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

 ORGAN PROCUREMENT TECHNICIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

PREGNANCY IN LAST YEAR

 YES  NO  UNK  NOT APPLICABLE WITNESS TO AUTOPSY EVIDENCE RECOVERED AT AUTOPSY

Item Description:

Age: 33 Gender:  Male / Female

## PRIOR EXAMINATION REVIEW BY DME

BODY TAG **A5**  CLOTHING  
 X-RAY (No. \_\_\_\_\_)  FLUORO  
 SPECIAL PROCESSING TAG  MED. RECORDS  
 AT SCENE PHOTOS (No. \_\_\_\_\_)

## CASE CIRCUMSTANCES

EMBALMED  
 DECOMPOSED  
 >24 HRS IN HOSPITAL  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ (Reason)

## TYPING SPECIMEN

TYPING SPECIMEN TAKEN BY **R**SOURCE: **R** CHEST

## TOXICOLOGY SPECIMEN

COLLECTED BY **R**  
 HEART BLOOD  STOMACH CONTENTS  
 FEMORAL BLOOD  VITREOUS  
 TECHNIQUE  
 CHEST BLOOD  SPLEEN  
 BLOOD  KIDNEY  
 BILE  BRAIN  
 LIVER  **R**  
 URINE  **R**

URINE GLUCOSE DIPSTICK RESULT 4+ 3+ 2+ 1+ 0  
TOX SPECIMEN RECONCILIATION BY **A5**

## HISTOLOGY

Regular (No. \_\_\_\_\_)  Oversize (No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Histopath Cut:  Autopsy  Lab

## TOXICOLOGY REQUESTS

FORM 3A:  YES  NO  
 NO TOXICOLOGY REQUESTED  
 SCREEN  AC  BB  LT  JS  JD  
 ALCOHOL ONLY  
 CARBON MONOXIDE  
 OTHER (Specify drug and tissue)  
**MMA, Ritalin**

## REQUESTED MATERIAL ON PENDING CASES

POLICE REPORT  MED HISTORY  
 TOX FOR COD  HISTOLOGY  
 TOX FOR R/O  INVESTIGATIONS  
 MICROBIOLOGY  EYE PATH CONS  
 RADIOLOGY CONS  
 CONSULT ON \_\_\_\_\_  
 BRAIN SUBMITTED \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEURO CONSULT  DME TO CUT  
 CRIMINALISTICS  
 GSR  SEXUAL ASSAULT  OTHER

RESIDENT

DME

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## EXTERNAL EXAM

Sex M  
Race C  
Age 33  
Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Eyes  
Sclera  
Teeth  
Mouth  
Tongue  
Nose  
Chest  
Breasts  
Abdomen  
Scar  
Genitals  
Edema  
Skin  
Decubitus

HEART Wt. 250

Pericardium 7cc RV  
Hypertrophy Septum  
Dilation LV  
Muscle 1cc Septum

AORTA transsec T-6

## VESSELS

LUNGS Wt.  
R 250  
L 200

Adhesions

Fluid 144

Atelectasis

Oedema

Congestion

Consolidation

Bronchi

Nodes

## PHARYNX

## TRACHEA

## THYROID

## THYMUS

## LARYNX

## HYOID fx

## ABDOMINAL WALL FAT 1

## PERITONEUM

Fluid  
Adhesions  
LIVER Wt. 1360  
Capsule  
Lobules  
Fibros  
G B present  
Calculus no  
Bile ducts

SPLEEN Wt. 150

Color  
Consistency  
Capsule  
Malpigment

## PANCREAS

## ADRENALS

## KIDNEYS Wt.

R 150  
L 150

Capsule

Cortex

Vessels

Pelvis 6cc

Ureters

## BLADDER 1cc

## GENITALIA

Prostate

Testes

Uterus

Tubes

Ovaries

## OESOPHAGUS 1cc

## STOMACH

Contents 10 cc tan

## DUOD. &amp; SM. INT.

## APPENDIX present

## LARGE INT.

## ABDOM. NODES

## SKELETON

Spine

Marrow

Rib Cage

Long bones

Pelvis

blink = normal or none

SCALP ~~brown~~ offCALVARIUM ~~xx~~

## BRAIN Wt. 1400

Dura

Fluid

Ventricles

Vessels

Middle ears

Other

## PITUITARY

## SPINAL CORD

## TOXICOLOGY SPECIMENS

blood bile liver brain EDTA

SECTIONS FOR  
HISTOPATHOLOGY

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## MICROBIOLOGY

## DIAGRAMS 20

## X-RAYS

## OTHER PROCEDURES

## GROSS IMPRESSIONS

in form 12

Date

6-20-14

Time

8:

Deputy Medical Examiner

J. K. R.

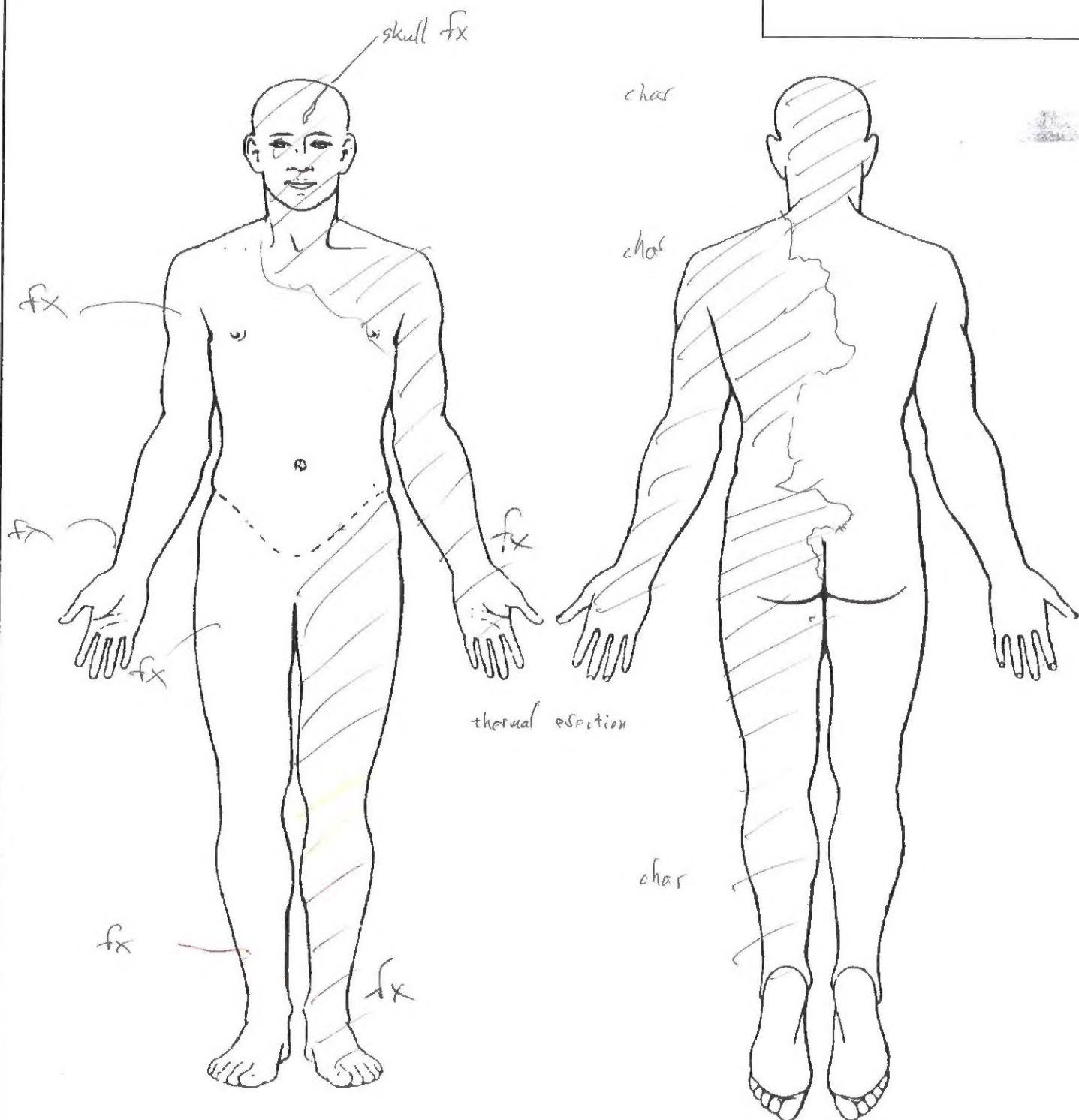
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charred white neck

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ACC

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burned up clothing

Date

6. 20. 13

M.D.

Deputy Medical Examiner



Department of Coroner, County of Los Angeles  
**FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORIES**  
1104 North Mission Road Los Angeles, CA 90033  
**Laboratory Analysis Summary Report**



Ribe, James M.D.

Deputy Medical Examiner  
1104 North Mission Road  
Los Angeles, CA 90033

Pending Tox

The following results have been technically and administratively reviewed and are the opinions and conclusions of the Analyst:

**Coroner Case Number:** 2013-04353    **Decedent:** HASTINGS, MICHAEL MAHON

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>DRUG</u>	<u>RESULT</u>	<u>ANALYST</u>
Bile	Methamphetamine-GC/MS	Amphetamine	0.19 ug/mL	C. DalChele
Blood, Chest				
	Alcohol-GC/FID-HS	Ethanol	Negative	M. Schuchardt
	Bases-GC/NPD &/or MS	Methylphenidate	ND	C. Miller
	ELISA-Immunoassay	Barbiturates	ND	B. Ciullo
	ELISA-Immunoassay	Cocaine and Metabolites	ND	B. Ciullo
	ELISA-Immunoassay	Fentanyl	ND	B. Ciullo
	ELISA-Immunoassay	Methamphetamine & MDMA	ND	B. Ciullo
	ELISA-Immunoassay	Opiates: Codeine & Morphine	ND	B. Ciullo
	ELISA-Immunoassay	Opiates: Hydrocodone & Hydromorphone	ND	B. Ciullo
	ELISA-Immunoassay	Phencyclidine	ND	B. Ciullo
	LC/MS	Benzodiazepines	ND	J. Lintemoot
	Marijuana-GC/MS	Carboxy-THC, Total	154 ng/mL	C. DalChele
	Marijuana-GC/MS	Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), Total	12 ng/mL	C. DalChele
	MDA-GC/MS	Methylenedioxymethamphetamine	ND	C. DalChele
	Methamphetamine-GC/MS	Amphetamine	0.05 ug/mL	C. DalChele
	Outside Test	*	ND	NMS Labs, Inc.
EDTA Blood				
	Carbon Monoxide-UV/VIS	Carbon Monoxide	< 10 % Saturation	M. Schuchardt
Liver				
	Methamphetamine-GC/MS	Amphetamine	0.57 ug/g	C. DalChele

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<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>DRUG</u>	<u>RESULT</u>	<u>ANALYST</u>
NOTE: *=Dimethyltryptamine (DMT). The source of the EDTA Blood is from the chest.				
<b>Legend:</b>				
g	Grams	mg/dL	Milligram per Deciliter	QNS
g%	Gram Percent	mg/L	Milligram per Liter	TNP
Inc.	Inconclusive	ND	Not Detected	ug
mg	Milligrams	ng/g	Nanograms per Gram	ug/g
		ng/mL	Nanograms per Milliliter	ug/mL
				Microgram per Milliliter

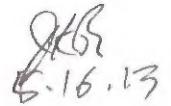
In accordance with the Department's Evidence Retention Policy, the blood specimen(s) will be retained for one-year and all other specimens for six-months from Autopsy.

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**Toxicology Report**
**Report Issued** 08/10/2013 17:00

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 Los Angeles, CA 90033

**Patient Name** HASTINGS, MICHAEL

**Patient ID** 2013-04353

**Chain** 11620427

**Age** Not Given **Gender** Not Given

**Workorder** 13192128

**Received** 08/06/2013 12:00

Chain of custody documentation has been maintained for the analyses performed by NMS Labs.

Unless alternate arrangements are made by you, the remainder of the submitted specimens will be discarded six (6) weeks from the date of this report; and generated data will be discarded five (5) years from the date the analyses were performed.

**Sample ID** 13192128-001

**Collect Dt/Tm** 08/05/2013

**Matrix** Blood

**Source** Chest Blood

**Patient Name** HASTINGS, MICHAEL

**Patient ID** 2013-04353

**Container Type** Red Top Tube

**Approx Vol/Weight** 4.5 mL

**Receipt Notes** None Entered

<b>Analysis and Comments</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Reporting Limit</b>	<b>Notes</b>
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**9156B Dimethyltryptamine Screen, Blood**

Analysis by Gas Chromatography (GC)

Dimethyltryptamine

None Detected

ng/mL

Synonym(s): DMT; Component of Ayahuasca

 Peak plasma concentrations ranged from  
 12 - 26 ng/mL (mean, 16 ng/mL) at 1.5 hours after a 29  
 mg oral dose of an herbal tea.

 Pheniramine and phencyclidine interfere with  
 dimethyltryptamine in this analysis. The presence of  
 pheniramine and phencyclidine will adversely affect the  
 quantitation of dimethyltryptamine. If pheniramine or  
 phencyclidine are potential interferents in this case,  
 call the laboratory for alternate quantitative  
 procedures.

